GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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MIG FIGHTER AIRCRAFT
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has signed any contract with Russia to upgrade five squadrons of MIG-29 fighters inducted in mid 1980s;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of fighters crashed since then;

(c) the details of expenditure likely to be incurred on such upgradation programme;and

(d) the time by which the process of upgradation will be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a)to(d): Government has signed a contract for upgradation of 63 MiG 29 aircraft with M/s. RAC - MiG, Russia, at a total value of about 964 Million USD on 7.3.2008. Thirteen MiG 29 aircraft have crashed till date since their induction in mid 1980s.The upgradation of all 63 aircraft is likely to be completed by march 2014.